GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3640
ANSWERED ON:12.12.2000
N.H.R.C. DIRECTIVES ON REFUGEES
GANGASANDRA SIDDAPPA BASAVARAJ

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have agreed to comply with the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) directives on 1947 PoK refugees;

(b) the main recommendations made by the NHRC in this regard; and

(c) the extent to which the Government have agreed to implement them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)to(c): The demands/grievances of the displaced persons from Pak occupied Kashmir, 1947, were considered by the National Human Rights Commission in detail. In their Order dated 6th October, 1997 the National Human Rights Commission recommended enhancement of the payment of Rs.5,000/-per kanal per family for land deficiency to these displaced persons proposed to be given by the Government on the analogy of the cash compensation as agreed to in the case of displaced persons from Chhamb Niabat Area who were uprooted due to Indo-Pak Conflict, 1971. The Commission left the other matters pertaining to various demands of these displaced persons, to the Government to take a view and act upon. The Government accordingly considered their demands/grievances in depth and broadly decided to pay
(i) cash compensation for land deficiency @ Rs.5,000/- per kanal subject to maximum limit of Rs.25,000/- per family;
(ii) ex-gratia payment @)Rs.25,000/- per family to those displaced persons whose cases were rejected in the past subject to the condition that monthly income of each of such family should not exceed Rs.300 per month at the relevant time;
(iii) Rs. 2 crore to the State Government of Jammu & Kashmir for allotment of plots to those urban settlers who could not be allotted plots in the past and who have already been settled in the State of J&K; and
(iv) Rs.25 lakhs for providing civic amenities in 46 regulularised colonies inhabited by these displaced persons. The Government have already initiated action to implement these decisions and the National Human Rights Commission has been apprised of the progress of the action taken in the matter, from time to time.